

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By the preceding proposed amendment, counsel seeks appropriate protection of the invention herein, and believes that this requires no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office.

Claim 1 has been found to be patentable, and as such claim 2, which depends from claim 1, has also been found patentable, at least because it depends from claim 1. By this proposed amendment, counsel has taken the two limitations which are present in the existing claim 2 and canceled one of them from claim 2 and incorporated it into new claim 21 as a further dependent claim, dependent from claim 2.

The amendment is needed to enable coverage by this application of a system which utilizes only one of the features of claim 2, rather than both.

The proposed amendment does not require any additional search or examination, because it is being made only to a dependent claim.

Because claim 1 has already been found patentable, and the amended claim 2 and new claim 21 depend from claim 1, the amended claim 2 and the new claim 21 are also believed patentable.

These claims were not presented earlier because it came to the attention of the intellectual property management team within the Assignee's office that claim 2 was unnecessarily limited when outside counsel for Assignee forwarded a copy of the allowed claims in anticipation of payment of the issue fee.

Accordingly, this proposed amendment after Notice of Allowance is believed to comply with the requirements of MPEP 714.16, and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

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